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Fig 1

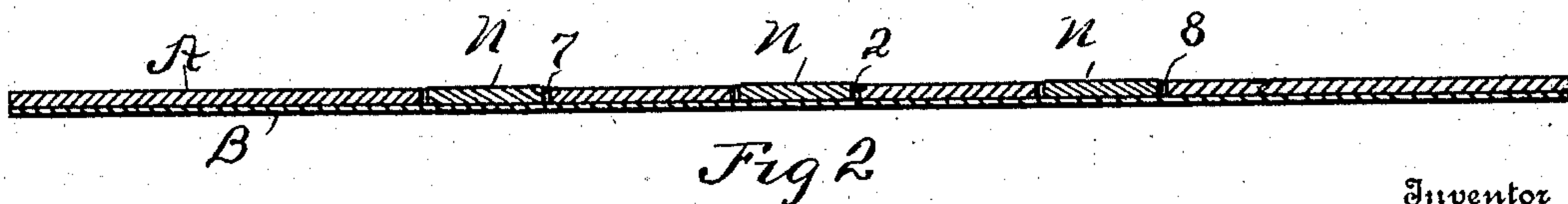
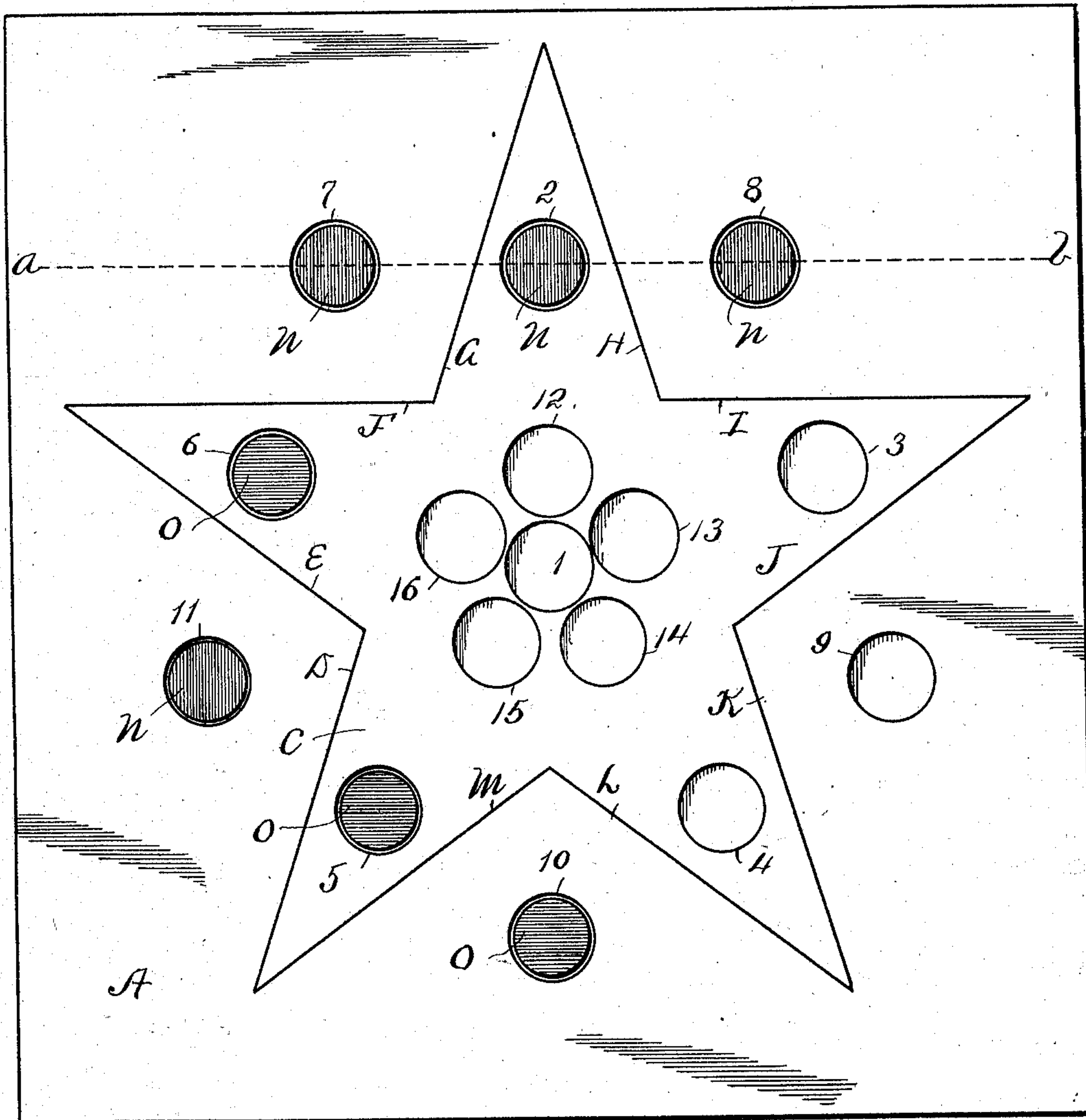


Fig 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE BOLTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented new and useful Improvements in Games, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in games.

10 The object of my invention is to provide a game apparatus which is compact, durable, and inexpensive and which may be used readily by young or old players and which requires very few instructions for its use.

15 The novel features of my invention are hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate the invention, Figure 1 is a plan view of the playing-board, showing some of the playing devices distributed thereon. Fig. 20 2 is a cross-section taken on the dotted line *a b* of Fig. 1.

Similar characters of reference denote similar parts.

25 The apparatus comprises a playing-board having on one face a plurality of marked places, preferably depressions in the board, and a plurality of sets of playing devices for placing, respectively, upon said marked 30 places the playing devices of each set, having corresponding means for distinguishing them from the devices of the other set. To distinguish the devices of the different sets, the sets are preferably differently colored.

35 In its preferable form the playing-board comprises a rectangular sheet *A*, having a series of perforations, and a backing *B*, covering said perforations at one side of the sheet *A*. The said sheet on the opposite side is provided with a series of lines, preferably forming a polylateral figure, such as a five-pointed star, the functions of the lines being described hereinafter. In Fig. 1 I have represented a five-pointed star *C*, the border of 45 which comprises the lines *D*, *E*, *F*, *G*, *H*, *I*, *J*, *K*, *L*, and *M*. The perforations in the sheet *A*, hereinbefore referred to, are arranged as follows: The perforation 1 located in the center of the star-shaped figure and the perforations 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 disposed radially, respectively, in the different points of the star. A series of perforations 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are disposed one between each two adjacent points of the star. A series of perforations 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 are arranged in a 55 circle around the central perforation 1 and in-

intermediate, respectively, the central perforation and the perforations 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. The perforations are disposed in rows of three each, each row being parallel with an adjacent line forming one of the sides of the star. For example, the perforations 10, 4, and 9 are disposed in a row which is parallel with the lines *M* and *J*. The perforations 3, 14, and 5 are disposed upon opposite sides of and 65 parallel with the said lines *M* and *J*.

N indicates a plurality of red disks forming playing devices of one set. The letter *O* denotes a series of blue disks forming the playing devices of another set.

70 The object of each player is to be the first one to place three playing devices in a straight line in any row of perforations or depressions, the person first succeeding in doing this being the winner of the game. Each 75 player, while seeking to place three of his playing devices in a straight row of three, also endeavors to so place the devices as to prevent any of the other players from so arranging his playing devices, the border-lines 80 of the star indicating to the players the different groups of depressions, which are arranged in rows of three each.

In playing the game each player in turn places a playing device in one of the depressions of the board. As shown in Fig. 1, the 85 player playing the red devices *N* has succeeded in playing the devices in the perforations or depressions 7, 2, 8, disposed parallel with the border-lines *F* and *I* of the star, 90 thus winning the game from the other player, who has placed the blue disks *O* in the perforations or depressions 6, 5, and 10. In a corresponding manner the player who would first place three playing-disks in the depressions formed by the central perforation, the 95 perforation in one of the points, and the perforation intermediate the said perforation in the point and the central perforation—as, for instance, the perforation 1, 14, and 4—would 100 succeed in winning the game.

My invention may be modified in different ways without departing from its spirit.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 105

1. A game apparatus comprising a playing-board and a plurality of playing devices, the playing devices being of two different colors, and each having corresponding means for distinguishing them from the playing devices of the other color.

figure and marked places denoting the places for receiving the playing devices respectively, the marked places being disposed in rows arranged parallel respectively with the different sides of the star-shaped figure.

2. A game apparatus comprising a playing-board and a plurality of sets of playing devices, the devices of each set having corresponding means for distinguishing them from the devices of the other sets, the playing-board having on its face the figure of a five-pointed star and having on the same face a plurality of marked places for receiving respectively the playing devices, the marked places being disposed one in the center and one upon and one between each point of the star, the marked places upon and between the points being disposed respectively in rows disposed parallel respectively with the sides of the star.

3. A game apparatus comprising a playing-board and a plurality of different-colored sets of playing devices, the playing-board having on one side a star-shaped figure and a plurality of depressions for respectively receiving the playing devices, the depressions being disposed one in the center of the star, one upon each point and one between each two points, the depressions being arranged in rows parallel with the different sides of the star respectively.

4. A game apparatus comprising a playing-board and a plurality of different-colored sets of playing devices, the face of the board having thereon the figure of a five-pointed

star, and having also a plurality of marked places for receiving respectively the playing devices, the marked places being disposed one in each point of the star and one between each two points, and a marked place intermediate each marked place in the points and the center of the star, the said marked places forming rows of three each, the rows being disposed two rows parallel with and upon opposite sides respectively of each line forming a side of the star.

5. A game apparatus comprising a playing-board consisting of a sheet provided with a plurality of perforations and a backing covering said perforations at one side of the sheet, the sheet having on the opposite side a figure in the form of a five-pointed star, the perforations being disposed one in the center of the star, one upon each point of the star, and one between each two points, and a series arranged in a circle around the central perforation and intermediate respectively the central perforation and the perforations on the points, the perforations being arranged so as to form rows of three each, a row at each side of and parallel with each line forming a side of the star, and a plurality of different-colored playing devices adapted to be placed respectively in said perforations.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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